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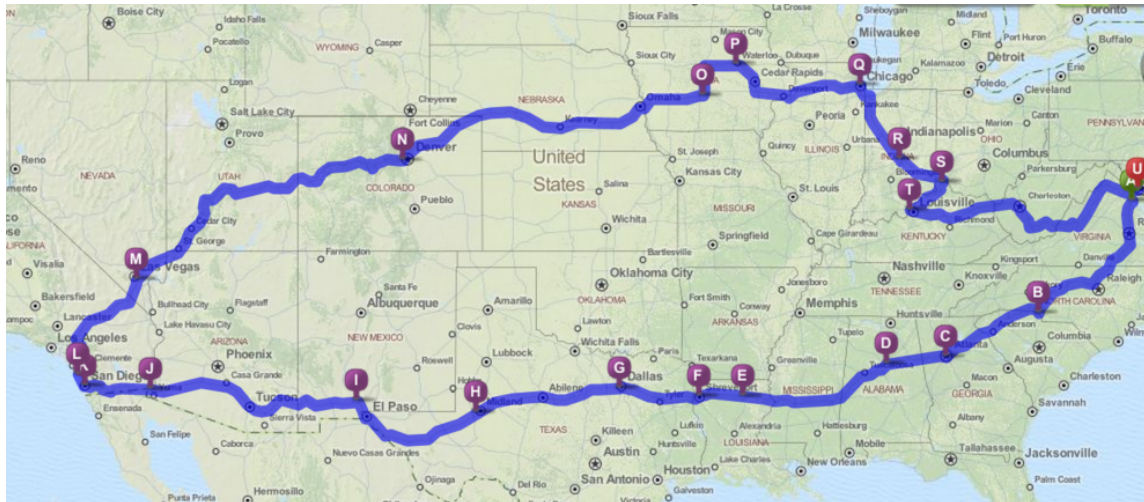
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Sat, May 9

Dr. Heilman returns to San Diego from Louisville, KY
at 8:00 p.m. on US Airways

Contacts:

Jack Harkins (619) 804 – 3200

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C.J. Machado (858) 735 – 8487

Pete Provencio (619) 571 – 2531

Sun, May 10

*Dr. Heilman will begin his
return ride to WDC on
Mothers Day, with a photo at
the 25 ft Seward Johnson
sculpture depicting the Times
Square Kiss, that symbolizes
the Spirit of '45 70th
Anniversary Commemoration*

8:00 a.m. Photo at Kiss statue
Greatest Generations Walk Tuna Harbor Park
750 N. Harbor Drive S. D. 92101

**All Riders who are invited for this photo op, and to
join the Chancellor for the San Diego – Vegas ride.**

Contact:

Pete Provencio (619) 571 - 2531

8:30 a.m. Depart for Las Vegas, NV with bike escort
(300 miles, est. 4 – 5 hrs)

Arrive at 3 – 4 p.m. in Las Vegas

Contact: CJ Machado (858) 735-8487

Welcome fundraiser hosted by Las Vegas Harley
Davidson 5191 S. Las Vegas Blvd. NV 89119
888-218-0744

American Legion Riders contact in Las Vegas:

Vic "Doc" Moss
Adjutant, American Legion Paradise Post 149
American Legion Rider
P.O. Box 70184
Las Vegas, NV 89170
[\(702\) 493-3028](tel:7024933028)

**Overnight accommodations
(complimentary arranged CJ Machado)
Bally Hotel
3200 Las Vegas Blvd**

Mon, May 11

This is one of the longest segments of the Ride – 500+ miles. Any and all support along this route will be very much appreciated.

7:00 a.m. Depart for **Grand Junction, CO**
(510 miles, est. 7 - 8 hrs)

Possible stopover in Green River TBD by Chancellor and local contacts

American Legion Riders contacts for Eastern Utah:

Don Riddle
Southern Utah ALR Ride Director
Email: fslawpug@yahoo.com
Phone: [435-749-1888](tel:435-749-1888)

Will Lehman
Email: will@williamrlehman.com
Phone: [702-204-5123](tel:702-204-5123)

Arrive at 6 – 7 p.m. MST (Note time change 1 hr later)

Overnight accommodations in Grand Junction, CO or other location en route to be made by Dr. Heilman

Tues, May 12

Dr. Heilman is the spokesperson for The Greatest Generations Foundation, which takes WWII veterans to their overseas battlefields. The TGGF has arranged a gathering of WWII veterans and interviews with the press.

Depart 7:00 a.m. for **Denver, CO**
(345 miles, est. 6 - 7 hrs)

American Legion Riders contact for western Colorado:

Rick Avery
116 Anna D. Grand Junction, CO 81503
[\(970\) 260-3209](tel:970-260-3209)
eaglemanrla3@sbcglobal.net

Brad Hudson,
61614 Falcon Rd., Montrose, CO 81401
[\(970\) 209-3260](tel:970-209-3260)
youbeenhooked@hotmail.com

Arrive by evening

Contact: Jake Schroeder (720) 203 – 2415

Jake plans to ride out to Grand Junction to meet the Chancellor

Overnight accommodation
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel
3203 Quebec St. Denver, CO 80207

Wed, May 13

Dr. Heilman will announce his plans to be in Japan in August with The Greatest Generations Foundation trip to Hiroshima and Nagasaki

9:00 – noon Press interviews with NBC, others being arranged by TGGF at Doubletree hotel followed by lunch with WWII veterans

1:00 Depart for **Kearney, NE**
(360 miles, est. 6-7 hrs)

American Legion Riders contact: TBD

Arrive at 8-9 p.m. CST (Note time change 1 hr later)

Chancellor plans to make his own overnight arrangements en route

Thurs, May 14

8:00 am Depart for **Des Moines, IA**
(320 miles, est. 6 – 7 hrs)

Arrive 2:00-3:00 CST

Contact: Paul Pickart,
Past Iowa State Commander,
Military Order of the Purple Heart
(515) 251 – 2375 (w)
(515) 251 – 3998 (h)

American Legion Riders contact TBD

6:30 p.m. Dinner with Paul Pickart at Holiday Inn

Overnight at Holiday Inn
1050 6th Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50314 (right off the freeway)

Fri, May 15

Governor Branstad has been very supportive of Spirit of '45 Day for several years, and has been personally reaching out to all of his fellow state governors in the country encouraging them to support 70th Anniversary events and activities in their communities this year.

Iowa is home to the Five Star Freedom Riders.

9:00 a.m. CST Meeting with Governor Terry Branstad and Robert King, Executive Director of Veterans Affairs, at Iowa State Capitol for photo with Five Star Freedom Riders (30 mins)

Iowa State Capitol Building
1007 E. Grand, Des Moines, IA 50319

10:00 a.m. Depart Des Moines for **Joilet, IL**
(165 miles, est. 3+ hrs)

Arrive by 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Diane Nowak, Dignity Memorial
(708) 567 - 3694

Overnight accommodations arranged Dignity Memorial

**The Hampton Inn Hotel
1521 Riverboat Center Drive
Joliet, IL 60436 (right off the I-80)**

Sat, May 16

Diane Nowak is organizing a major Spirit of '45 program in Chicago, and is encouraging the 2000+ members of the Dignity Memorial network to participate in the around the world wreath laying Tribute on Sunday, August 15 this year.

Armed Services Day program being organized by Diane Nowak, Dignity Memorial

American Legion Rider contact TBD

**Overnight accommodations at
The Hampton Inn Hotel 1521 Riverboat Center
Drive Joliet, IL 60436 (right off the I-80)**

Sun, May 17

Grant Thompson heads one of the most successful Honor Flight hubs, and is arranging a wreath laying with Okinawa veterans during Dr. Heilman's visit.

10:00 a.m. Depart for **Indianapolis, IN**
(185 miles, est. 3 hrs.)

Stumpy Gross of Indiana Patriot Guard will escort Dr. Heilman from Joliet, IL to Indianapolis, IN
(765) 251-1400
pbstumpy@hotmail.com

Arrive at 1 p.m.

Contact: Carol Ford, Indy Honor Flight
(317) 459 – 0654
carol.j.ford@gmail.com

Dr. Heilman will lay a wreath at the Indiana WWII Memorial in honor of 14,000 Americans who died during the Battle of Okinawa (Time TBA)

431 N Meridien Street Indianapolis

Dr. Heilman to visit Armed Forces Day display at the Indy 500 to say thank

**Overnight accommodations in Indianapolis being arranged by Indy Honor Flight
Westside Garden Plaza, 8616 West 10th Street**

Mon, May 18

Dr. Heilman wants to personally express his appreciation to the American Legion for all of the support they have given to the Ride.

Later in the day, he will be welcomed by hundreds of school children and the public as he rides into Cincinnati.

9:00 a.m. visit to American Legion National HQ
700 N Pennsylvania Street
Contact: Bill Sloan (317) 630 – 1265
Henry Howard (765) 491 - 3545

Depart by 10:00 a.m. for **Cincinnati, OH**
(115 miles, est. 2 hrs)

American Legion Rider contact:
Bob Maurer (419) 230- 6863
bmaurer@rcpubliclibrary.org

Arrive by noon EST. in **Cincinnati**

Contact: Tina Spicer Events & Program Specialist
Twin Towers Senior Living Community
(513) 853-2086

Carole Quakenbush, Vitas Innovative Healthcare.
(513) 518-0377

**Overnight at Twin Towers Senior Living
5343 Hamilton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45224
513-853-2000**

Tues, May 19

A native of Kentucky, Dr. Heilman is very pleased to be making Louisville the last “whistle stop” of his 6000-mile ride. Dell Courtney, who is leading the 70th Anniversary Commemoration effort in Kentucky, will meet him on arrival.

Dr. Heilman plans to visit the national headquarters of Atria Senior Living, to express his appreciation for their support for his ride and their ongoing participation in Spirit of '45 Day when all of their senior communities throughout the country organize special events.

8:00 a.m. Depart Cincinnati for **Louisville, KY**

Arrive at 10 am EST in Louisville

Contact: Dell Courtney (502) 387-4412

**Overnight accommodations at
Atria Springdale 4501 Springdale Rd. Louisville
40241**

Contact: Shannon Wilson (865) 308 - 3768

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Wed, May 20

Atria hosting luncheon

1:00 p.m. Depart Louisville

Chancellor will make his own overnight arrangements.

Thurs, May 21

Home in Richmond

Fri, May 22

1:00 p.m. Depart Richmond for **Fairfax, VA**
(100 miles, est. 2 hrs)

Arrive in Fairfax at 4:30 p.m.

Fairfax American Legion Riders event

Contact: Bob Sussan, American Legion Riders
(703) 328-7691)

Overnight accommodations being arranged by American Legion Riders

Sat – Sun May 23-24

Rolling Thunder and other events

Overnight accommodations to be arranged by American Legion Riders

Mon, May 25

11:00 a.m. Address youth volunteers at Navy Memorial
701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004

1:00 p.m. Line up for National Memorial Day Parade

2:00 p.m. Step off for Parade with American Legion Riders, et al.

Wreath laying at National WWII Memorial
(approximately 4 p.m.)

Return to Richmond or overnight in DC area
